

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicant sincerely thanks Examiner Colan and her supervisor for the courtesy shown in conducting a telephonic interview with Applicant's attorney, Robert G. Hartman, on October 10, 2007.

During the interview, Applicant's agent submitted differences between the claimed subject matter and the combination of U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2003/0177388 to Botz et al. (hereinafter, "Botz") and U.S. Patent No. 6,651,168 to Kao et al. (hereinafter, "Kao"). Nevertheless, in the interest of expediting allowance of the application and without conceding the propriety of the Office's rejections, Applicant's attorney proposed to amend the independent claims to further advance prosecution of the application. While no agreement was reached, both Examiners were receptive to the amendments and encouraged Applicant to submit the amendments in writing. Although Examiner Colan stated that she would need to reconsider the references of record and update her search, Applicant's attorney understood Examiner Colan to at least tentatively appreciate the differences between the proposed amendments and the cited references.

During the interview, Applicant's attorney also discussed the outstanding rejection to dependent claim 10. Specifically, Applicant's attorney submitted that the outstanding rejection of this claim failed to teach a *prima facie* case of obviousness, as the references entirely fail to teach or suggest this claim. Again, while no agreement was reached, both Examiners were receptive to this contention and encouraged Applicant to submit this argument in writing.

Accordingly, the independent claims have been amended as discussed during the interview. Additionally, Applicant has added a new claim (claim 33) that recites the subject matter previously recited in claim 10 (and independent claim 9, from which claim 10 depends).

Applicant once again thanks both Examiners for their time and insight.
Applicant also encourages Examiner Colan to contact Applicant's attorney if
Applicant's attorney can in any way help advance prosecution of this matter.